

**Drawings**

Please accept the accompanying two sheets of substitute formal drawings which contain the corrections approved in the Office Action.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Please CANCEL claims 4 and 5 without prejudice.**

**Please AMEND claim 23 to read as follows:**

**23. (Amended)**

1        A method of forming a fuel container with an opening and a cap sealing the  
2        opening, comprising the steps of:  
3                providing a pair of mold halves defining a first mold cavity to form and define  
4                the shape of a container and adjacent the first cavity a second cavity to form at least one cap  
5                in a flash section;  
6                providing a parison with a hydrocarbon fuel vapor barrier layer of a polymeric  
7                material disposed between inner and outer layers of a different polymeric material which is  
8                heat weldable;  
9                closing the mold halves together to receive and compress a portion of the  
10          parison between them forming at least one flash section in the region of the second cavity  
11          and at least one cap in the flash section;  
12          providing a pressurizing fluid into the parison within the closed mold halves  
13          to expand the parison within the first mold cavity to form the entire container and define the  
14          shape of the container;

15 after blow molding forming an opening through the container at a location  
16 spaced from the cap;  
17 separating the cap from the flash section;  
18 disposing the cap over the opening; and  
19 heat welding the cap to the container circumferentially continuously to  
20 permanently attach and seal the cap to the container to permanently close, seal and provide  
21 a fuel vapor barrier for the opening.

Please CANCEL claim 24 without prejudice.

Please AMEND claim 26 to read as follows:

**26. (Amended)**

The method of claim 23 which also comprises heat welding at least one of the  
inner layer and the outer layer of the cap to the outer layer of the container to permanently  
attach and seal the cap to the container.

Please CANCEL claim 27 without prejudice.

Please AMEND claim 28 as follows:

**28. (Amended)**

The method of claim 23 which further comprises simultaneously extruding  
the fuel vapor layer and the inner and outer layers into the parison which is received in a  
generally molten state between the open mold halves in a blow molding machine to form the  
container and cap.